



## Centreboard Cup Race Instructions

The Centreboard Cup is raced off [Sloanes Beach](http://www.hbcc.net.nz), 33 Marine Parade, Herne Bay. Racing is typically followed by a BYO picnic & music by *Hopetoun Brown* on Sloanes Beach. Race dates, start times and other details for each year are posted at <http://hbcc.net.nz/>

Mullet boats and other centreboarders should enter through the [Ponsonby Cruising Club](http://www.hbcc.net.nz). Late entries will also be accepted on the day. A \$5 entry donation per boat would be welcomed, but is not compulsory.

We are very grateful to the Ponsonby Cruising Club for supporting and running the Centreboard Cup race, and providing their safety patrol boat *Watchman*<sup>1</sup>, and for Richmond's assistance with start flags.

*Start/finish line* shall be between a yellow conical buoy off Sloanes Beach and the HBCC clubhouse on Sloanes beach. The race start crosses this line in a NE direction, and the finish crosses this line in a SW direction. The boats typically follow an anti-clockwise as follows (also see course maps on reverse):

*Race 1: Boats 18 feet and longer (including Mullet Boats)*

*Anti-Clockwise Course:* Start line, Watchman Island (passed on your port side), Chelsea Buoy (port), yellow conical buoy off Sloanes beach (port); Watchman Island (port); Chelsea Buoy (port), to finish line off Sloanes Beach.

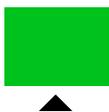
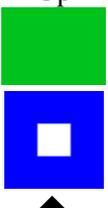
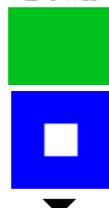
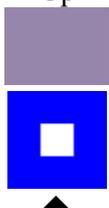
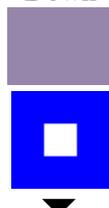
*Race 2: All Other Centreboarders (including Scout Cutters):*

*Anti-Clockwise Course:* Start line, Watchman Island (passed on your port side), back to finish line off Sloanes Beach. (The smaller boats do one lap, & don't go around Chelsea buoy.)

*Clockwise Course:* Occasionally we may need to follow a clockwise course. We will advise this on the day with a notice posted at Sloanes Beach. This course reverses the direction above, passing marks on your starboard side. Same start/finish line.

Any updated/shortened courses will be advised over VHF 77, and shown by an S flag (blue square on a white background) on the clubhouse and/or *Watchman* boat.

The start will be controlled using flags and a horn on the Herne Bay Cruising Club (HBCC) clubhouse using the following standard sequence. Times are our best estimates.

Time	-5mins	-4mins	-1min	Race 1	+1min	+4mins	Race 2
<b>Flags</b>	Green Up 	Blue Peter Up 	Blue Peter Down 	Green Down then Purple Up 	Blue Peter Up 	Blue Peter Down 	Purple Down 
<b>Sound</b>	Short	Short	Long	Short	Short	Long	Short
<b>Race 1 ≥18 feet</b>	5 minutes to go	4 minutes to go	1 minute to go	<b>Go!</b>			
<b>Race 2 &lt;18 feet</b>				5 minutes to go	4 minutes to go	1 minute to go	<b>Go!</b>

*Safety:* All entrants must act as responsible boaties and take responsibility for the safety of their boat and crew; always sail to the conditions. Please follow the rules of the sea, the Racing Rules of Sailing, Auckland bylaws<sup>2</sup> and all other rules that govern this event. Double check the Watchman Island reefs!

*Queries?* Contact Andrew 021884673 or Race Control & *Watchman* Patrol boat on VHF 77.

*Emergencies?* Call Coastguard \*500 or VHF 16.

<sup>1</sup> Yes, it is confusing having a boat and an island with the same name in the same race.

<sup>2</sup> An [Auckland Council bylaw](http://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz) requires everyone on a vessel of six metres (19.685ft) or less to wear a lifejacket and specifies that life jackets can only be removed if the skipper determines that it is safe to do so. Larger boats must carry a lifejacket for each person aboard. We strongly recommend that life jackets be worn at all times while racing.

## Centreboard Cup: Anti-Clockwise Course



-  Yellow Conical Buoy 
-  Chelsea Buoy
-  Watchman Island
-  Start/Finish Line
-  Long Course 18'+
-  Short Course <18'
-  Sloanes Beach Clubhouse

This shows the anti-clockwise course. The *clockwise course* reverses this direction, leaving marks to starboard, but still crossing the start and finish lines in the directions shown.